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SUBJECT: 93RD EX/BD DECIDES ON TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF
NOMINATIONS FOR DG (ITEM 8.1)

REF: (A) STATE 182889; (B) STATE 140163 (C) PARIS 23398

1. 93RD EXBD, AT PRIVATE SESSION SEPT 29, ACCEPTED CHAIR-
MAN'S PROPOSAL OF FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR STEPS INVOLVED
IN NOMINATION OF NEW DG FOR UNESCO:

A. OCT 15, 1973 -- CHAIRMAN'S LETTER WILL BE MAILED TO
ALL MEMBER STATES REQUESTING NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR
GENERAL TO BE ELECTED AT 18TH GEN CONF IN NOVEMBER 1973:

B. MAY 1, 1974: DEADLINE FOR MEMBER STATE SUBMISSION OF
CANDIDACIES TO EXBD.

C. JULY 1, 1974; REPORT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL MEMBER
STATES SUMMARIZING NOMINATIONS RECEIVED WITH FULL BIO-
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GRAPHIC DATA ATTACHED.

D. 94TH EXBD (SPRING 1974) WILL DECIDE ON DATES FOR PRIVATE SESSION OF 95TH BOARD (FALL 1974) WHICH WILL NOMINATE DG TO 18TH G.C.

E. NOVEMBER 1974: 18TH GC TO ELECT NEW DG. PRESENT DG'S CONTRACT EXPIRES ON NOV 14, 1974,

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM WYNTER (JAMAICA), CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT NOMINATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AFTER JULY 1, 1974 DEADLINE BUT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO CONVENING OF PRIVATE SESSION OF 95TH EXBD TO BE DEVOTED TO NOMINATING DG.

3. BOARD DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH CHARACTER OF LETTER WHICH CHAIRMAN WILL SEND TO MEMBER STATES. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL MEMBERS WANTED LETTER TO CONTAIN REFERENCES TO SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS THAT DG MUST HAVE, CONSENSUS FINALLY REACHED BY BOARD WAS THAT LETTER SHOULD CONFORM STRICTLY TO LEGAL PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE WITHOUT EMBELLISHMENT. ACCORDINGLY CHAIRMAN SUMMARIZED THAT LETTER WOULD, AS HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY, REFER TO ARTICLES IV (PARA B. 7) AND VI, PARS 1, 2 OF CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS RULES OF PROCEDURE OF GEN CONF (RULES 99-102) AND RULE 53 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF EXBD. IT WILL ALSO CONTAIN A MODEL DRAFT CONTRACT BETWEEN UNESCO AND DG AND WILL CONTAIN TEXT OF 11TH GC RES PERTAINING TO DRAFT CONTRACT.

4. AT BEGINNING OF SESSION SEPT 29, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO INVITE DG, AFTER VOTE BY BUREAU TO EXTEND INVITATION, TO ADDRESS BOARD ON SUBJECT OF HIS INTENTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTINUATION IN POST. OF DG. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CUEVAS-CANCINA (MEXICO) STRONGLY PROTESTED PLAN ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD GIVE DG UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN RACE FOR DG AND ABOVE ALL WAS NOT IN ORDER AS ITEM ON AGENDA WAS STRICTLY CONFINED TO DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN NOMINATING DG. CUEVAS WAS SUPPORTED FROM FLOOR BY MARTIN (UK), HELA (FINLAND), TWUM BARIMA (GHANA) AND BLANKENHORN (FRG).
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5. DG ANNOUNCED IN HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER RUNNING AGAIN (A) IF A MEMBER STATE NOMINATED HIM, (B) IF HE WERE BROADLY SUPPORTED AND (C) IF HE COULD BE RE-ELECTED WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT HE "COULD NOT SERVE TO END OF HIS (6 YEAR) TERM." HE SAID THAT MANY BOARD MEMBERS AND PERM DELS HAD ASKED HIM IF HE WERE WILLING TO RUN AGAIN AND HE WISHED TO CLEAR AIR AS BOARD BEGAN ITS CONSIDERATION

OF THIS ISSUED.

6. IN HIS TALK DG ALSO SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW, AS HE HAD SINCE 1960, FOLLOWING THREE POINT POLICY FOR UNESCO: (A) PROMOTION OF PLURALITY OF CENTERS OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE THROUGHOUT WORLD; (B) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO REINFORCE THEIR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CADRES, TO ASSIST THEM IN POLICY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS IN THESE FIELDS; AND (C) MAINTENANCE OF A MILITANT ATTITUDE IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. FOLLOWING DG'S BRIEF STATEMENT CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT IN LATE JULY HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM AMB SENGHOR OF SENEGAL STATING THAT PRES. SENGHOR HAD DECIDED ON BEHALF OF SENEGAL TO NOMINATE AMADOU M'BOW (PRESENT ADG FOR EDUCATION IN UNESCO) FOR DG AND THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED NAME TO OAU FOR ITS ENDORSEMENT. SARRUF READ TEXT OF HIS REPLY TO AMB SENGHOR WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT BUT INDICATED THE NOMINATION HAD COME BEFORE HE HAD REQUESTED ANY. CHAIRMAN THEN SAID THAT NEITHER THIS LETTER NOR DG'S STATEMENT WERE TO BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY BOARD.

8. DESPITE THIS ADMONITION, HOWEVER, AMB SENGHOR NEXT REITERATED IN LONG INTERVENTION THAT M,BOW REMAINED CANDIDATE OF SENEGAL, THAT NEXT DG SHOULD BE FROM THIRD WORLD. SENGHOR SAID HE SPOKE BECAUSE DG HAD SPOKEN AND BECAUSE CHAIRMAN HAD NOT LIMITED DEBATE TO PROCEDURE AS HE SHOULD HAVE.

9. SUBSEQUENTLY TIKHVINSKY (USSR) SAID HE RECOGNIZED NO CONSENSUS THAT NEXT DG MUST COME FROM THIRD WORLD.
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(PRIVATELY HE HAS BEEN TELLING BOARD MEMBERS THAT RUSSIA INTENDS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE FROM EASTERN EUROPE.) HE THEN CITED FOLLOWING SOVIET CONCEPT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF NEXT DG: A) BE BILINGUAL IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH; B) BE AGED 50-55; C) COME FROM REGION LEAST REPRESENTED IN DG POST IN PAST; D) BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE NEW IDEAS TO PROGRAM.

10. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INITIAL REACTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF THEIR VOTE AT 18TH GC, LARGE NUMBER WERE OFFENDED BY DG'S HIGHLANDED ACTION IN SPEAKING AT MEETING SOLELY DEDICATED TO CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN ELECTION OF NEXT DG. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL LIKELY THAT DG CAN, WHEN CHIPS DOWN, OBTAIN VOTES OF MAJORITY OF EXBD.IRWIN

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